



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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TO: Pharmacists

FROM: Division of Medical Management
Health and Recovery Services Administration
(formerly Medical Assistance Administration)
Department of Social and Health Services

Re: New Prescription eligibility requirements

Dear Pharmacy Provider,

Effective February 21, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) began paying Medicare Part D copays up to \$5 per prescription for clients who are on both Medicaid and Medicare (dual eligibles). Here is how it works:

➤ **Who is eligible to have co-payments covered by the state?**

The clients' Medical ID card must display all of the following:

- An "X" in the Medicare column; and
- CNP or MNP under Scope of Care; and
- "MedicareRx" printed on the card.

➤ **What is the maximum the state pays for a co-payment?**

HRSA will pay only the required co-payment of a paid Part D claim, up to a maximum of \$5.00.

Note: Some dual eligible clients have elected prescription coverage from Medicare approved "creditable coverage" plans or from enhanced Medicare prescription drug plans. Do not request the dual eligible client to pay for any Part D, "creditable coverage" or enhanced Medicare prescription drug plan, co-payments of \$5.00 or less. However, co-payment amounts **above \$5.00** will remain the client's responsibility.

➤ **How do I bill the co-payment?**

Enter an "8" in the *Other Coverage code* field and enter only the co-payment amount in either the *Gross Amount Due* or *Other Amount Claimed Submitted* field. **Do not submit the COB/Other Payment Segment.**

If you have further questions about Medicare Part D, we encourage you to call the CMS Pharmacy line at 1-866-835-7595; or visit their website:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/>.

Cc: Rod Shafer, WSPA